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Run-offs were contested in seven races

CPN Legislative roster completed by voters

Citizen Potawatomi Nation voters have filled out their new tribal legislature with election of seven more lawmakers in a run-off that ended on Saturday, March 29. The new lawmakers are: Roy V. Slavin of Kansas City, Missouri in District #1 (the northeastern U.S.); Eva Marie Carney of Arlington, Virginia in District #2 (the southeastern U.S.); Robert M. Whistler of Bedford, Texas in District #3 (the eastern three-fourths of Texas); Theresa Marie Adame of Topeka, Kansas in District #4 (the state of Kansas); Eunice Imogene 'Gene' Lambert of Phoenix, Arizona in District #5 (the states of Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah); Jacqueline Taylor, a former Oregon state legislator, of Astoria, Oregon in District #8 (the Pacific Northwest and upper Rocky Mountain states); and David Joe Barrett, a business owner, of Shawnee in District #10 (one of the Oklahoma seats).

They join Reps. Thom Finks of Auburn, California (District #7), Ron Goyer of Vista, California (District #6), and Lisa Kraft of Stillwater, Oklahoma (District #11), all elected without opposition; Rep. Paul Wesselhoft of Moore, Oklahoma



New legislator David Barrett takes oath of office as Vice Chairman Linda Capps looks on.

(District #9), elected without a run-off, and Reps. Paul Schmidtkofer of Tecumseh, Oklahoma (District #12) and Bobbie Bowden of Choctaw, Oklahoma (District #13), who both moved over from the former Business Committee.

The newly elected legislators will gather at tribal headquarters in Shawnee, Oklahoma for a swearing-in ceremony,

orientation session, and initial legislative meeting from April 24 through April 26.

In District #1, Slavin defeated William Pearce of Rochester, New York by a single vote, 61-60. The District #2 run-off saw Carney outpoll Ralph Henry (Bergeron) Bazhaw of Pleasant Garden, North Carolina, 63-36.

In Texas, the District #3 run-off went Bedford city council member Whistler's way by a 49-40 count over Brian K. Walker of Tatum, who has the Republican Party nomination for a legislative seat in east Texas. In Kansas, the new District #4 legislator, Adame, won by an 85-49 margin over Hubert L. 'Hurb' Adams of Rossville.

Lambert, a long-time regional representative for the CPN, won another nail-biter, 61-59, over Edwin M. 'Ed' Burns of Rocky Ford, Colorado in District #5. In District #8, Taylor notched a 14-vote win

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Newest Potawatomis

Jetta Elyszabeth Todd



Jetta Elyszabeth Todd was born on Monday, August 20, 2007 at Yakima Memorial Hospital in Yakima, Washington. Her parents are Jesse Eugene and Denise Jane (Detwiler) Todd. Denise is a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member.

Jetta Elyszabeth's grandparents are Dennis F. Detwiler (a CPN member) of Yakima and Jane A. Detwiler, both Yakima residents, and James and Katherine Todd, also Yakima residents. The Detwilers are direct descendants of John Welch.

Jetta was born at 5:32 p.m., weighing in at 6 pounds 11 ounces. She was 21 inches long. Jetta is the youngest of five siblings. Big sister Shannon is eight years old. Older brother Deven is six-and-one-half.

Big brother Anthony is five-and-a-half. And, big sister Josselynn is three years old. Anthony and Josselyn are CPN members.

Gracie Mae Carter



Gracie Mae Carter was born on May 28, 2007, the daughter Jill and Nick Carter of Canby, Oregon. She is a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Pettifer family.

Gracie May is another of the seventh generation of Potawatomi women in the Pettifer family. Her Potawatomi foremothers were: Elizabeth LaTendre Pettifer, born

in 1838; Isabel Pettifer Schalles Murray, born in 1868; Bertha Schalles Murray Self, born in 1898; Jacqueline Self Taylor, born in 1935; Lucinda Taylor Shannon, born in 1955; Jill Shannon Carter, born in 1980; and Gracie May Carter, born in 2007.

Sofia Viola Galindo



Sofia Viola Galindo was born on December 16, 2007 in Mary Birch Hospital in San Diego, California. She is the daughter of Kristina Ernst Galindo and Ernesto Galindo. Sofia weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz at birth and was 18 inches long.

Sofia's grandparents are Jim and Lin Haflinger, Garrick Ernst and Ernesto Galindo Sr., and Leticia Galindo. She is a descendant of Kitty Mohler.

William Joseph Garcia



William Joseph Garcia, the son of Citizen Potawatomi tribal member Traci A. Garcia and her husband Robert J. Garcia was born December 18, 2007 at 12:48pm. He weighed 7 lbs 1 oz and was 18.9 inches long. He is the grandson of tribal member Cindy Marshall and her husband Bill Marshall.

Paloma Ruth Gregson

Citizen Potawatomi Nation congratulations go to Valerie Gregson and Pablo



Lazaro, the very proud parents of a new Potawatomi. Paloma Ruth was born on January 9, 2008 at Los Robles Hospital in Thousand Oaks, California. Paloma weighed 8 pounds at birth and was 20 inches long.

Paloma's mother Valerie is the daughter of CPN member David and Sharon Gregson, granddaughter of Glen and Ruth Gregson, great-granddaughter of George and Cora Gregson, and great-great-granddaughter of Delila Bourassa.

Valerie, a very proud Potawatomi, obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in May 2006. She will graduate from law school with honors in May 2008. Both degrees would not have been possible without the gracious help from the Citizen Potawatomi tribal scholarship program.

Raelea Kay Tarbell



Raelea Kay Tarbell was born on October 1, 2007. She weighed 7lbs 5 oz. and was 21 inches long. Raelea was born at Community General Hospital in *see NEWEST POTAWATOMIS on page 6*

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Tests a system, helps a community, sharpens skills of a new officer

Mass Vaccination Exercise

Contributed by LTJG Tim Taylor, Citizen Potawatomi Nation member

On Saturday November 3, 2007, Commissioned Corps Officers from the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Health Care Center and Aberdeen Area Office participated in the first-ever Point of Dispensing (POD) activation. Officers assisted with administration of influenza vaccinations to 573 adults and children from Sisseton and surrounding areas of the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation and Roberts County, South Dakota.

In order to prepare for incidents requiring mass vaccination or other rapidly delivered medical care (pandemic influenza, bioterrorism, etc.), regional points of dispensing have been in the planning stages for up to two years. In this first-ever activation of the POD, free influenza vaccinations were administered in order to test the surge capacity of the POD, as well as overall patient flow and design of the POD.

Planning and activation of the POD exercise involved nearly every facet of the community to include local ambulance service and fire department, local government, state health department, Indian Health Service, tribal emergency management, and The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as some of the supplies were released from the Division of Strategic National Stockpile (DSNS).

Not only did this exercise allow us to work out the kinks involved in a mass vaccination deployment, it also allowed all facets of the emergency health care delivery team to come together for a shared purpose. Since we now know the people involved with each agency and their response roles, we can respond to actual emergencies much more quickly and efficiently. Participating in the POD exercise was very rewarding and enabled us as Commissioned Officers to get to know the community in which we serve.

Before joining the Commissioned Corps, I was a Paramedic for many years. I maintain my certification as a Paramedic by taking emergency and patient transfer calls for the local ambulance service after



LTJG Tim Taylor

regular duty hours and on weekends. The POD exercise helped me maintain my skills as a Paramedic as I assisted with patient flow, drawing up vaccine, and providing emergency medical coverage in the event of sudden illness at the POD (allergic reaction, etc.).

Working with Senior Officers was especially rewarding in that they were able to share their unique insight and past experiences with me. In fact, one of our officers with past mass vaccination experience was able to suggest an improvement in patient flow which enabled the triage section to drastically decrease patient waiting times. I have only been in the Corps for 10 months and the mentoring and guidance I have received from my senior officers as well as JOAG has enabled a smooth transition into the Corps. My experience with this POD and my overall experience in the Corps have far exceeded my expectations. I enjoy tremendous job satisfaction through my service with the Corps.

Officers who participated in the POD exercise include CDR Robin Lee (Nursing), CDR Jennifer Borden (Dental), CDR Mary Ann Niesen (Pharmacy), and LTJG Tim Taylor (EHO).

(Editor's note: Tim Taylor's first-person report first appeared in the JOAG Newsletter, a publication of the U.S. Public Health Service, Commissioned Corps. LTJG Taylor is the son of CPN member Frederick M. Taylor of Joplin, Missouri.)



Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry (front row, fourth from left) recently declared "Financial Literacy Month" in Oklahoma. Those participating in a photo session in the Capitol's Blue Room with the Governor included State Schools Superintendent Sandy Garrett (front row, far left), Lt. Gov. Jari Askins (front row, far right), and Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Steve Kime (front row, third from left). Kime is President of Junior Achievement of Greater Oklahoma City. Students meeting with Gov. Henry include: Darbi Williams and Raymond Umpig of Northeast High School; April Weaver, Blaine Jackson, and Tim Menke of Deer Creek High School; Jazmin Williams of Millwood High School; and Shelby Robinson and Tyler Phipps of Bridge Creek High School.

Established in 1967, Junior Achievement provides free financial literacy programs to students in grades K-12 across the state. To learn more about JA, visit www.jaokc.org or call 405-235-3399.

Gaye Tenoso at Office of Tribal Justice

Member advances within DOJ

Effective February 19, 2008, Gaye Tenoso, the daughter of Bill and Marilou Powell, was appointed a Deputy Director of the U. S. Department of Justice's Office of Tribal Justice (OTJ). The OTJ establishes a single point of contact within the Justice Department for meeting the broad and complex federal responsibilities to all Indian tribes. The OTJ also facilitates coordination among Departmental components working on Indian issues, and provides a permanent channel of communication for Indian tribal governments with the Department of Justice. In cooperation with the Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs, the OTJ also serves to unify the federal response of other Executive Branch agencies.

Tenoso has served with the United States Justice Department in the Civil Rights Division for 22 years. She began as a Trial Attorney in the Division's Educational Opportunities Section. In

1989, she was transferred to the Voting Section. In 1999, she sat at the appellants counsel table in a case argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2000, she was appointed as Special Counsel with responsibility for the Section's election monitoring program and for enforcing the language minority provisions of the Voting Rights Act. Her duties also included supervision of all the Voting Section's cases and matters arising in Indian Country.

Tenoso is on the rolls of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and is a member of the Ogee clan. She is married to Don Tenoso, a Lakota Sioux. Don Tenoso is a consultant for Indian artifacts with the Smithsonian Institute. They reside in Arlington, Virginia.

Ed Anderson - Legislative District #8

I want to thank everyone who voted in the legislative elections and hope to see all of you at the Family Reunion Festival in June. - Migwetch



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Potawatomi Cornerstone: Lynchings in Oklahoma

(Editor's note: CPN member/Tribal Rolls Director Charles N. Clark has written "Lynchings in Oklahoma." This Potawatomi Cornerstone relates one of the lynchings from the book, that of Seminole Indians Lincoln McGeisey and Palmer Sampson near what was then Citizen Band of Potawatmis land at Maud, Oklahoma.)

To learn more about Charles Clark's book or order a copy after it becomes available in early June 2008, visit www.LynchingsInOklahoma.com.)

In 1898, two Seminoles were lynched by a mob while federal marshals watched. A speculative attempt to reconstruct the events from contrasting interpretations, the story begins benignly enough.

Julius and Mary Leard and their four young children lived on a farm three miles east of Maud inside the western border of the Seminole Nation in Indian Territory. They leased the farm from Thomas McGeisey, a Seminole Indian. He was superintendent of the Seminole Nation schools, a person of some influence, in other words. He lived a mile away.

Julius Leard was building a new house some distance away and usually spent nights there so he could get more work done. The Leards believed it was safe for Mary and the children to stay at the old house alone. If anything were to happen, they felt, McGeisey and his son could be called to help.

In late December 1897, all accounts say, an intoxicated Indian rode up to the Leard farm and started roaming around outside the house. Mary Leard and her infant child were in the house. The other three children, who could see what occurred, were playing outside. They hid.

Mary Leard got a shotgun, confronted the Indian outside the door, and ordered him to leave. He might not have understood English. (During this period only some 1/3 of Seminoles did.) But the gun clearly indicated her demand.

The Indian stood his ground, unaffected by Mary's demeanor. She ordered the family's bulldog to attack, but the dog walked up to the Indian and wagged its tail. Amused, the Indian stroked the dog.

Obviously fearing for her and her chil-



This is Mary Leard, whose killing led to the tragic lynching by fire of Lincoln McGeisey and Palmer Sampson.

dren's lives, she pulled the trigger. The gun jammed, however, and she threw it on the porch and ran inside the house in a desperate attempt to save her baby.

The Indian picked up the gun, entered the house, and chased Mary Leard around the room, knocking over the table and chairs. Clutching her baby to her chest, Leard scrambled around the room, seeking an escape route. As she moved toward the door, the Indian slammed the gun butt into her head hard enough to separate the wooden stock from the rest of the gun.

Mary fell to the porch, landing on top of her child. The Indian panicked and left the scene.

The other children remained in the barn until they were sure the Indian would not return. Then they went to the house and tried to drag their mother's body inside, but she was too heavy. Frank Leard, an eight-year-old, took his infant sister inside the house and placed her on the floor near the stove.

As night approached and the temperature dropped, Frank moved his mother's legs out of the doorway so he could close the door to keep the house warm. The four children spent the night huddled together in the house beside the stove.

The next morning, when the children left the house to get help, the weather was extremely frigid, and the nearest place for assistance was the Maud Post Office. Although McGeisey's house was just a mile away, young Leard probably didn't consider that option because McGeisey was an Indian, and it was an Indian who killed his mother.

The children arrived at the post office and told the proprietor and others there about the murder. One of the men left to tell Julius Leard. Others assembled a posse and went to the farm, where they found the scene more grisly than Frank had described. The hogs had broken out of their pen and eaten some of Leard's body and most of her head and neck.

The hogs were returned to the pen, and the body was draped to conceal the desecration. The post office proprietor took the children back to the farm to be with their father, but kept them from the body. When Julius Leard returned a short time later, approximately 60 armed men were waiting for him. Visibly shaken by the scene, he consoled his children as he listened to their story. Leard then sent a messenger to inform McGeisey of the murder and have him brought to the Leard house.

McGeisey arrived about noon. Leard told him, "...My wife was murdered last night by an Indian boy...She was a good woman...I want you to help me to find out who committed the deed...I have to have revenge...If I don't find the real murderers of my wife, I will have to have to kill two or three Indian boys..."

Although McGeisey was sympathetic, he could not help at that moment because he had to pick up his mother, who lived several miles away, and take her to a New Year's church service. That infuriated Leard; he described McGeisey as callous and unconcerned. This resentment may have surfaced later as revenge against McGeisey.

After Leard had stated his intentions to McGeisey, he gave out his young son's description of the killer: "A large Indian with a long scar running down his cheek and riding a bay horse with a roach mane, without a saddle."

Although tribal affiliation of the suspect was unknown, and probably never discussed, whites' anger and vengeance made all Indians suspect, at least of knowing something about the murder.

Leard divided the men into two groups, mounted his horse, and led one of the two posses; Russ Guinn led the other. Potawatomi and Chickasaw Indians soon joined in the search as well.

The Guinn posse chased two Seminole Indians they had spotted riding outside of the border into Seminole Country. Guinn shot the horse from under one of them but

Paul Schmidlkofer CPN Legislature - District #12



It has been a pleasure and an honor to have been able to serve our nation over the past four years. I look forward to what the future holds for us and I am eager to have the opportunity to represent you again in the coming years.

As we undertake this next chapter in our nation's great history I would like to ask for your support and vote in the upcoming election, ending on Saturday, June 28.

Qualifications:

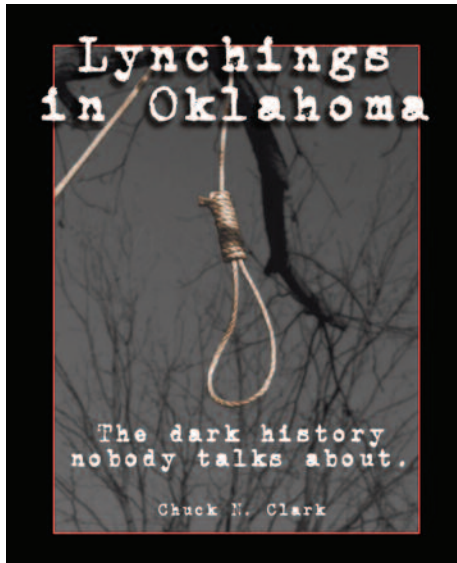
Nine years of service to the Nation as both a member of the Business Committee and the Grievance Committee.

Education:

Undergraduate Degrees in Social Science and Industrial Drafting & Design.
Masters Degree in Educational Administration.

Work Experience:

Mechanical Design Engineer for 13 years.
Educator for 14 years.



CPN member Charles Clark's book will be available in early June 2008.

the other escaped. The posse questioned the captured Seminole in Seminole about the identity of the murderer, but he didn't talk. Angered by the lack of response, the posse hanged him until he almost passed out. Then they threw him to the ground and beat him severely.

The Indian screamed in Seminole that he didn't know anything about the murder, yet he was taken back to Leard's farm for further interrogation.

Early that afternoon, Thomas McGeisey went to speak with Leard, who pleaded with him to help him find the killer. This time McGeisey was preparing to go to Washington, D.C., on tribal business and did not have time to help.

Leard threatened McGeisey, saying, "If I don't find the real murderer of my wife, I will have to revenge to two or three (construction?) Indian boys, and in two or three hours I'm going out and hunt boys again, and while I'm at the gate I will have revenge if I have to kill the whole tribe."

The gate he referred to was one of two entries through a barbed wire fence that stretched along the border between Pottawatomie County and the Seminole Nation. One was just southeast of Maud.

When one of the posses wanted a Seminole named Moses Tiger for questioning, Lewis Graham told them Tiger could be found at Passack Harjo's settlement. They bound Graham and held him prisoner as Leard and about 20 men descended on that community.

They picked up Sam Harjo and rounded up other Seminoles to take back for identification and interrogation.

Deputy U.S. Marshal Nelson Jones arrived at the Leard house that afternoon. Described by many as weak-willed and of

bad character, Jones was 52 years old, an alcoholic, and in no physical shape to effectively perform his duties.

In 1871, Jones moved to Burneyville, in the Chickasaw Nation, where he was accused of cattle rustling and murder. He moved to Purcell in 1889 to escape his reputation. In 1895, he moved down the South Canadian River where he ran a saloon and store in Violet Springs and at Young's Crossing in Pottawatomie County. He moved to the Seminole Nation to become a deputy U.S. marshal for the Indian Territory in 1897.

After being told of the murder, Jones deputized a posse and urged them to continue their hunt for the killer. There only as a motivator and an observer, he stayed at the house but did not directly participate in the search or the interrogations.

By Friday, late afternoon, a dozen Seminoles had been captured along the border. Some of them were tortured for information where they were captured, then brought back with the others to Leard's house, where his son waited to identify his mother's murderer.

The posse interrogated each Indian as Leard's son carefully looked them over. But, to the dismay of the posse, young Leard did not identify any of the captives as his mother's killer. Reluctantly, the posse released the Indians, who returned to Prusack Harjo's settlement.

Mary Leard was laid to rest in Dripping Springs on Saturday morning. Deputy Marshal Jones, who was present at the funeral, further encouraged the posse to find the killer by any means necessary. After the funeral, the posse wasted no time in resuming its search, and Jones returned to Wewoka to stay clear of the situation.

Julius Leard was fluent in the Seminole language, and when he couldn't get the reply he wanted from captives, physical and mental torture continued. Sometimes, to encourage cooperation, a shotgun barrel was placed in a captive's face and dry-fired. Another ploy was telling one Indian that another had implicated him in the murder and that the posse was going to kill him. In some cases, a captive at the Leard house was placed in a small room filled with hay and told he would be burned alive if he didn't talk.

On Sunday, one posse picked up Lincoln McGeisey as he attended church services. Then, for unclear reasons, young Leard either recanted his story or identified McGeisey as one of the murderers. McGeisey denied the charge.

Lynch mob member James Smallwood



Charles Clark visits Mary Leard's grave in a small, private cemetery near Maud, Oklahoma.

recalled how the vigilantes tried to extract a confession from McGeisey: "They took Lincoln across a little prairie glade ... to a little tree there and somebody threw a rope over a limb, and they strung him up...Twice...When they let him down, Julius Leard asked him if he would tell it, and he [McGeisey] says, 'Yes, I will tell it,' ..."

McGeisey implicated Sampson as the killer and said Sampson had threatened to kill him if he told anybody. He had, of course, offered a false confession to save his life.

Thomas McGeisey, fearing for his son's

life, went to Wewoka for help from U. S. Commissioner W. S. Fears and Deputy Marshal Jones. Fears placed Jones in charge of an investigation and issued an arrest warrant for McGeisey's son and ordered Jones to take Lincoln McGeisey from the vigilantes and return him to Wewoka.

Jones assured Thomas McGeisey that he would ride out to the Leard house that day and bring his son back by the next night. McGeisey was relieved, but was unable to wait for it to happen because of business in Washington, D.C., within the next two days.

Fears presumed that Jones rode to the Leard house with a posse to serve the warrant, disband the vigilantes, and place the investigation under federal jurisdiction. Instead, Jones encouraged the posse to continue business as usual. He allowed them to retain custody of McGeisey and other captive 'suspects.'

Put in charge of the investigation on January 3, Jones was responsible for subsequent conduct of the posse, now considered vigilantes. But, he did nothing, thus violating U.S. statutes. By taking charge of the posse and deputizing those men, he was responsible for the posse's conduct

See POTAWATOMI CORNERSTONE on page 12

Background:
 Decendancy from Principal Chiefs
 Aniquiba, Topinbee and the Higbee Family
 (an original CPN Family)

Education:
 Graduate, Choctaw High School;
 BA in Journalism, University of
 Oklahoma 1989


Experience:
 Healthcare/Hospice Administration,
 Management & Business Development
 (1995-2008); Retail/Business
 Management & Sales (1990-1995);
 Technical Writing (1989-1990)

Service:
 Member of the 2007 CPN Jury for
 District Court case; Hospice
 Association of Oklahoma President,
 Vice-President, Executive Board
 Member; Christ Church, Ordained Deacon;
 Boy Scouts of America - Assistant
 Scoutmaster; Volunteer staff member
 for Steve Money for US House of
 Representatives (2000)

Personal:
 I have lived in no other place than
 Oklahoma and am proud to be part of
 the generations who have lived in
 central Oklahoma, not far from our original
 Higbee family allotments of 1887. I have
 been married to my wife Shella for
 17 years and we have five children.

CPN Legislature, District 12

VOTE



Chad Higbee

Students learn about money on FNB Student Board

Sammi Chastain from Family of Faith Christian School; Macy Swofford from Liberty Academy; and Jack Jackson from Gordon Cooper Technology Center.

"We've had a great response from the communities and schools involved in the Student Board program," said Larry Briggs, president & CEO of First National. "This program not only gives these students an idea of career opportunities involved in banking, but also teaches them how their money is utilized as a bank customer and how financial services, such as lending, investing, and account management will apply to them in their future."

"I had no idea the amount of money I could have for retirement if I started saving today," Haley said "Being on student board has helped me realize the impor-

tance of compounding interest and gets me excited about my future."

The goal of the program is to allow students to explore the banking profession while meeting other students in the community who share similar interests. Student board members serve for four months and attend monthly lunch meetings at FNB, during which bank officers give presentations to educate the students about the field of banking.

The fourth and final meeting is a field trip to gain knowledge about how banking principles and practices relate to everyday life. Students also receive one hour of college credit for a Business Leadership class through Seminole State College if they attend all meetings.

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Syracuse, New York. Her mother is Deidre Marie Tarbell. Her grandmother is Juanita Lewis Buckshot. Her great-grandmother is Josephine Ruth Cross Lewis. All are from Syracuse.

Raelea is a descendant from the Vieux/Tomey family.

Adan Silva



Adan Silva was born on November 7, 2007 at Colusa Regional Medical Center

in Colusa, California. His parents are CPN member Alesha Rush and Manuel Silva. Adan weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21 inches long.

His grandparents are CPN member Richard and Cathy Rush and Tibercio and Guillermina Silva.

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Paul Schmidlkofer

Legislature - District #12



Fellow CPN Members,

During my tenure on the Business Committee, your Nation has made tremendous strides in providing services to members and securing our financial future. We have made **LARGE** increases in amount of financial help available top members who are pursuing continued education. We have doubled the burial assistance. We have opened our beautiful home to tribal members' cultural and historical legacy and enhanced opportunities to learn our beautiful tribal language,

We also stepped up in a major way to earn much more gaming income. And, of course, we have completed the shift of representative authority within the Nation to members across the U.S.

I'm committed to making decisions that make even bigger strides for you, the members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Please help me do that by voting for me on your absentee ballot or in person on Saturday, June 28.

Migwetch,
Paul Schmidlkofer

Paul Wesselhöft

CPN Legislative District #9 - Election is June 28, 2009

Paul served as a Sergeant during the Vietnam era and is a retired U.S. Army (Airborne-Ranger) Chaplain. Major Wesselhöft is a Veteran of the First Persian Gulf War (Desert Shield, Desert Storm) serving in the frontline offensive for the successful liberation of Kuwait from Iraq.

Paul Wesselhöft, M.A., M.Div. is currently serving our state as a State Representative, Oklahoma House of Representatives, District 54: Moore and South Oklahoma City.; he organized, and is a founding member of, the 18 member Native American Caucus for the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

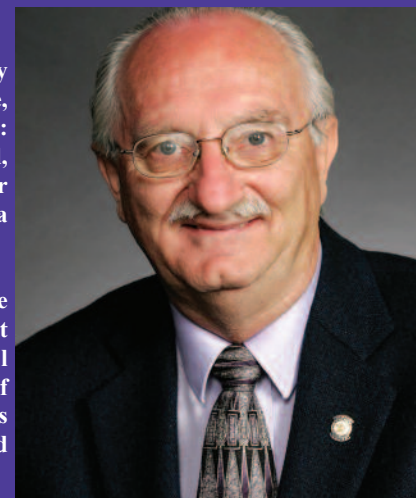
Representative Wesselhöft serves the State Legislature as Vice-Chairman of the Joint (House/Senate) Committee on State-Tribal Relations and serves the National Congress of American Indians on their national committees for Education, and Economic Development.



Abram Burnett

Paul, a fifth generation Oklahoman, is married 31 years to Judy; they have two children: Justin & Holly. He is a natural leader in the lineage of his great-great-great grandfather, Chief Abraham Burnett. Paul is an experienced leader in our state and nation, and with your vote, promises to serve our tribe with distinction as a legislative leader for the Potawatomi Nation.

I am asking for your continued support and prayers. I thank you tremendously.- Paul Wesselhöft.





Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center and FireLake Gifts Preserving Potawatomi Heritage

Archival Notebook

By R. Blake Norton, Tribal Archivist

The Archival Notebook is an informative look into the activities of the Cultural Heritage Center's (CHC) Tribal Archives. Within the newsletter we will discuss exciting current and future projects, as well as projects that readers can do at home. Readers will have the opportunity to take a look into a real archival and collections management program.

The CHC's Tribal Archives was recently awarded grant funding for a project titled "Our Past Reclaimed" from the Oklahoma Historical Records Advisory Board (OHRAB) and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

For the "Our Past Reclaimed" project, the CHC will partner with the Research Division of the Oklahoma Historical Society to digitally capture and preserve 7,000 pages of the Citizen Potawatomi Individual Indian Files, currently held within the collections of the Oklahoma Historical Society. To assist with the proposed project, the Research Division of the Oklahoma Historical Society has graciously offered their institution as the central location for the project.

The Citizen Potawatomi Individual Indian Files are unique in that they deal

with Citizen Potawatomi tribal members' personal and biographical data dating back to the late 19th century and up to and including the first third of the 20th century. Additionally, these records document the significant historical and cultural events that lead to the institution and progression of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, its migration from Kansas to Indian Territory (Oklahoma), and the initial years that the tribe called the area home. The materials are one-of-a-kind and held at no other location.

Upon completion of the project, the CHC will add the digital information created through this project to its digital database, currently in design. This searchable database will ultimately provide accessibility to all digitally captured material within the CHC's Tribal Archives. The database will have controlled accessibility through an aesthetic and user-friendly web-based format. In the near future, the contents of the database will be accessible to Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members, interested researchers, academic institutions, and all visitors to the Cultural Heritage Center's Family Research Center as well as via the Internet through www.potawatomi.org.

Many cultures have lost their cultural and historical treasures due to the inability and lack of resources to safely preserve and protect those treasures.

The completion of the "Our Past Reclaimed" project will not only protect and preserve these treasures, but, hopefully, also spark a renewed interest among tribal members, young and old, through their exhibition. These materials are intended to help develop tribal members' cultural awareness. From this awareness, tribal members can pass on their historical ties and cultural traditions to future generations, preserving the history of the Citizen Potawatomi people.

Tribal Heritage Project

By Grant Brittan

The Tribal Heritage Project recently mailed out 3,000 flyers which give details of our ongoing mission. We are documenting the history and image of every Citizen Potawatomi Nation member. These were sent to all tribal members within Pottawatomie County and the five contiguous counties. We would like you to visit the CPN Cultural Heritage Center in Shawnee for a video interview. A portion of these interviews will be incorporated into your family's DVD and be available for your children and grandchildren. If you or a loved one would like to be interviewed but can't make the trip, we will come to you.

The THP staff continue to work with the Office of Self Governance to receive additional grants from the Institute of

Museum and Library Services and the National Park Service. These funds will be used for the production phase of our documentary, "Journey to Oklahoma", which details the Potawatomi removal from Indiana to Kansas and highlights the migration from Kansas to Indian Territory. Tribal members with family documents, photos, or oral histories pertaining to this era are urged to contact us as we commence writing an outline of the script. We are especially interested in the routes which CPN members used to travel from Kansas to Indian Territory, the amount of time spent traversing the landscape, and the conditions which they met upon their arrival.

To schedule an interview or contribute any information, please contact Tribal Heritage Project
CPN Cultural Heritage Center
1899 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801
405-878-5830, ext. 7114
tribalheritage@potawatomi.org

The Collections Corner

CHC Receives Another Donation from Descendants of Abram B. Burnett

By Stacy S. Coon

Well folks it looks like the CHC has received yet another donation from the descendants of Mr. Abram B. Burnett. In

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Winter Wolfe scores six in 93-56 win

CPN member participates in basketball All-Star game

Players from Kingston and Elgin High Schools earned MVP honors and a \$5,000 scholarship each as their teams won in the inaugural Native American Basketball Games in Tulsa on March 14. Meanwhile, Citizen Potawatomi Nation and Canadian High senior Winter Wolfe scored six points in the girls' game.

Garrett Bishop (Choctaw) of Kingston High scored 17, including 11 in the first half, in leading his team to an 85-64 win. Amber Karty (Comanche/Kiowa), one of a set of twins from Elgin High School who played in the game, totaled 15 to spur her team to an easy 93-56 win. Karty's sister, Alyssa, scored eight for that team, which also included Wolfe.

Jordan Clay, whose aunt, Carol Clay-Levi, is the long-time director of the CPN Employment and Training Program, put nine points on the scoreboard for the winning team in the girls' game. Clay (Cheyenne/Arapaho) played her high school basketball for Shawnee High.

Other players on the winning boys team, with their high schools, tribal affiliation, and scoring totals are: Bronson Gore (Stonewall High, Chickasaw) 13; Quinton Picone (Panola High, Chickasaw) 12; Glen Davidson (Rattan High, Choctaw) 12; Ethan Matson (Durant High, Choctaw) 11; Niki Walker (Mill Creek High, Chickasaw) 4; Lucas Spears (Stigler High, Cherokee) 4; Kyle Billy (Rattan, Choctaw) 4; Matthew Henderson (Waurika High, Choctaw) 2; and Ryan Miller (Velma-Alma High, Choctaw) 2.



Jordan Clay and Winter Wolfe pose with girls' game MVP Amber Karty (top row, right) and other players following their game in Tulsa.



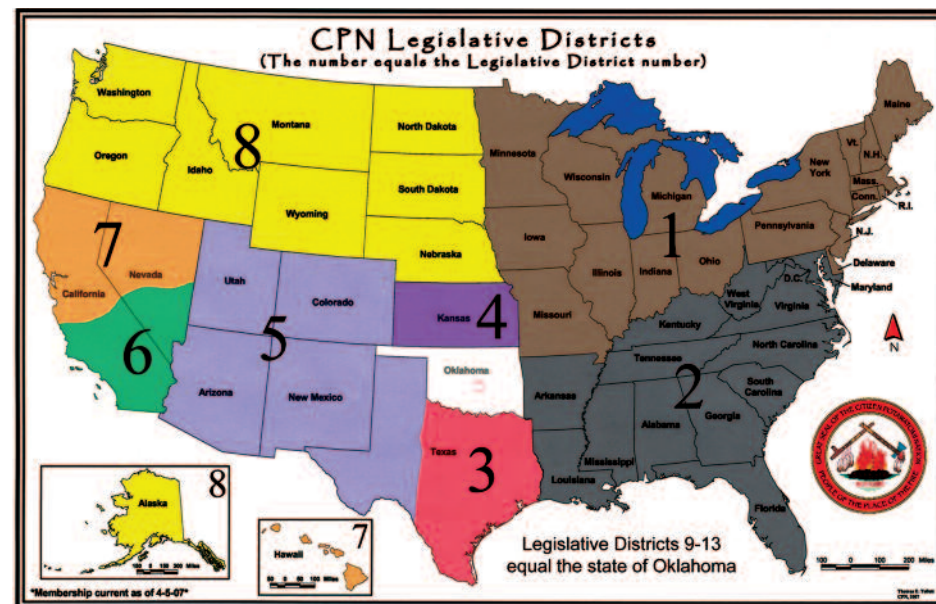
Jordan Clay (foreground) and Winter Wolfe prepare to play defense in the Native American All-Star Game.

Players on the other boys team are: Jordan Coffman (Haworth High, Choctaw) 15; Zach Rogers (Vian High, Cherokee) 13; Ryan Hudson (Preston High, Muscogee) 9; Geoffrey Gaches (Schulter High, Cherokee) 6; Trey Osborne (Dewey High, Cherokee) 5; Joe Thompson (Ponca City High, Ponca) 5; Sean Grossman (Choteau High, Cherokee) 4; Justin Smith (Stigler High, Northern Cherokee) 4; Drae Boardingham (Apache High, Wichita) 3; and Craig Poafpybitty (Sasakwa High, Comanche) 0.

The other members of the winning girls team are: Andrea Nichols (Verdigris High, Cherokee) 12; Hannah Frailey (Choteau High, Cherokee) 11; Ashley Cox (Pryor High, Cherokee) 11; Courtney Hobia (New Lima High, Seminole) 8; Logan Dillon (Ringling High, Choctaw) 6; Erin Collins (Adair High, Choctaw) 5; Kassie Holland (Talihina High, Choctaw) 2; and Ashley Hailey (New Lima High, Seminole) 0.

Members of the second girls team are: Ashley McKeel (Smithville High, Sioux) 11; Mallory Walker (Coalgate High, Choctaw) 10; Tiffany Clay (Rattan High, Choctaw) 6; Sarah Mixon (Poteau High, Choctaw) 6; Patience Wilson (Eagletown High, Choctaw) 5; Ashtan Santine (McAlester High, Choctaw) 5; Tesia Worcester (Stonewall High, Chickasaw) 4; Katie Campbell (Tupelo High, Choctaw) 4; Karissa Smith (Whitesboro High, Choctaw) 2; Brittany Goodeagle (Sterling High, Osage/Pawnee) 2; Bailey Caughern (Achille High, Choctaw) 1; and Caley Wesberry (Tishomingo High, Chickasaw/Choctaw) 0.

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over William Edward Anderson of Whitefish, Montana, 53-39.

In District #10, the entire state of Oklahoma, Barrett moved into the legislature via a 197-160 win over Jason N. O'Neal of Stonewall, the chief of police for the Chickasaw Nation.

Meanwhile, four candidates, two in each race, have filed for two legislative seats that will be filled through an election to be decided on Saturday, June 28, 2008. In District #12, incumbent Paul Schmidtkofer, a drafting instructor at Gordon Cooper Technology Center and Tecumseh, Oklahoma resident, drew opposition from Chad Higbee of Oklahoma City, who is an executive for a hospice.

In District #9, incumbent Rep. Paul Wesselhoft of Moore, Oklahoma, a member of the Oklahoma legislature, will defend his seat against Norman Brasfield of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. The initial term in office for District #9 was just a few months long, part of the effort to stagger re-election dates for the legislators.

The June election ballot will also contain the annual budget for spending interest earnings from the Nation's set-aside funds. Thus, all eligible CPN voters have been mailed an Absentee Ballot Request, which must be postmarked no later than Sunday, June 8, 2008. Voted ballots must be in the CPN Election Committee's Tecumseh post office box no later than 10 a.m. on June 28, 2008 to be counted.

Live balloting will occur at the CPN Tribal Courtroom, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 28 – during the annual Family Reunion Festival.

Following the August 2007 approval of a constitutional revision, the Citizen

Potawatomi Nation is transitioning from a five-member Business Committee to the 16-member legislature. The transition is designed to devolve more government authority to the two-thirds of members who live outside the state of Oklahoma. It also marks an extraordinary release of government/political power by the three members of the Executive Committee.

Under the previous structure, the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer controlled three of the five votes in the Nation's legislative body. Now, they have just three of 16 votes.

Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett has frequently discussed plans for a second phase of the government makeover. When proposed as a constitutional amendment, it would involve moving the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer into a separate Administrative branch while setting up the final three legislative seats – numbers 14, 15, and 16. Holders of those seats will represent CPN members from all over Oklahoma.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation officials believe the Nation is the first tribal government that has divided the entire United States into legislative districts to allow members who live away from the tribe's governmental jurisdiction to have representation on its decision-making body. The CPN legislature will meet using state-of-the-art teleconferencing equipment. The Oklahoma legislators will gather in a new legislative chamber at the Nation's Shawnee headquarters. Those from outside the state will be connected to the meeting via a video/audio screen that will allow them to hear and see activities in Shawnee and at the sites where each of the other seven outside-Oklahoma lawmakers are.

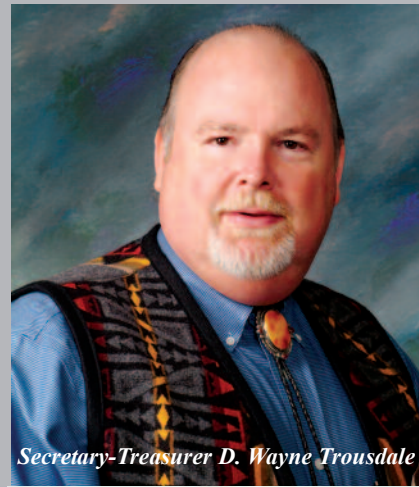
Citizen Potawatomi Nation Legislators



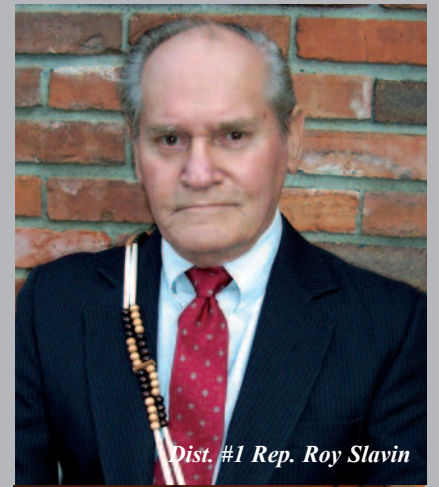
Chairman John Barrett



Vice Chairman Linda Capps



Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale



Dist. #1 Rep. Roy Slavin



Dist. #2 Rep. Eva Marie Carney



Dist. #3 Rep. Robert Whistler



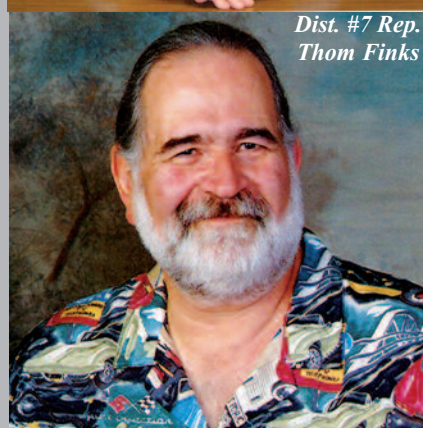
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Gene Lambert*



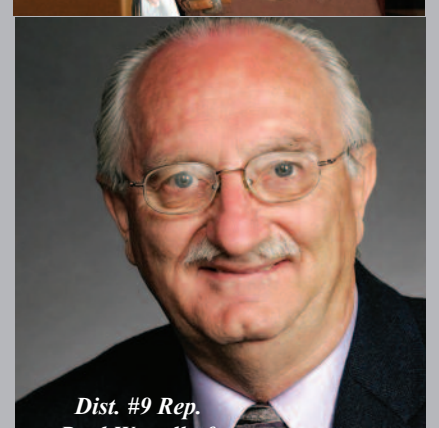
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*Dist. #7 Rep.
Thom Finks*



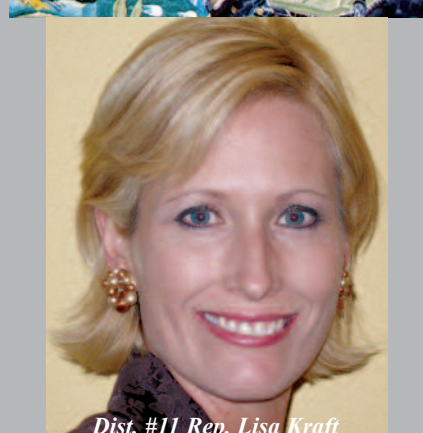
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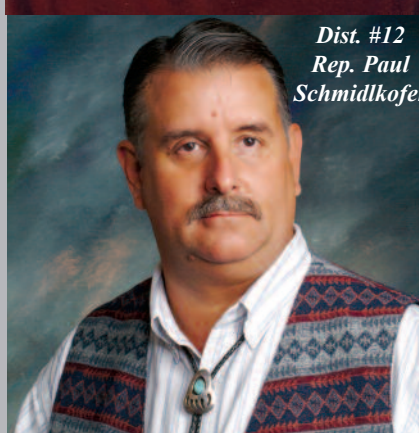
*Dist. #9 Rep.
Paul Wesselhoft*



Dist. #10 Rep. David Joe Barrett



Dist. #11 Rep. Lisa Kraft



*Dist. #12
Rep. Paul
Schmidtkofer*



Dist. #13 Rep. Bobbie Bowden

Walking On

Joyce Duncan



Joyce Duncan, 73, a former resident of Pleasant Hill, California, passed away in Walnut Creek, California on February 11, 2007. Joyce was born Edwina Joyce Duncan on June 3, 1933 in Choctaw, Oklahoma, a daughter of Robert and Harriet Taylor.

She was a resident of Pleasant Hill for more than 50 years, before moving to Walnut Creek four years before her death. She was a homemaker for 49 years. She had enjoyed league bowling, fishing with her husband, and sports. She was especially fond of her two dogs, Sophie and Gabby.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 35 years, Robert Raymond Duncan in 1995.

Joyce will be missed by her loving sons, Dennis John Duncan and his wife, Shawna of Concord, California and Timothy James Duncan and his wife, Shannon of San Ramon, California; her beloved sister, Peggy Lee Ginocchio of Concord; her beloved brother, Michael James Oles of Antioch, California; and her adoring grandchildren, Cody, Shane, Kristina, and Janel Duncan of Concord and Ashley and Austin Duncan of San Ramon.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2007 at Ouimet Bros. Concord Funeral Chapel, 4125 Clayton Road, Concord. Burial followed at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette, California. Memorial contributions may be made to Childrens Hospitals of Oakland, 747 52nd St., Oakland, CA 94609.

Jim L. Young

Jim L. Young Sr., 79, a long-time resident of South Oklahoma City before moving to Edmond in 2005, passed away on Sunday, September 16, 2007, in Edmond.



He was born November 19, 1927 in Healdton, Oklahoma, the son of Merritt and Bernice Young. After his mother's death, his father married Edna Young, whom Jim was very devoted to as well.

Jim graduated from Capitol Hill High School in Oklahoma City in 1945 and attended Oklahoma City University. He was united in marriage to Joye Dewbre on November 28, 1946 and would have celebrated the couple's 61st anniversary in November 2007. He was the owner of Davis & Irion Furniture Company and was the sponsor and MC of the Davis & Irion "Western Round-Up" TV show on KOCO-TV in Oklahoma City. His TV show helped launch the careers of many amateur artists throughout the state.

Jim was an outdoorsman who loved fishing, boating, and hunting, and he loved playing golf. He loved writing poetry and had several of his poems published in the *Daily Oklahoman*. He was a former member of the Elks Club and Chamber of Commerce.

His ultimate passion remained his family and his church. He was a long-time member of Hillcrest Christian Church where he served as Deacon, Elder, and Chairman of the Board. Jim was also very involved in the crisis food pantry at the First Christian Church of Oklahoma City. In his later years, he was a huge fan of the Centennial "Rodeo Opry" as well as the Oklahoma Opry.

Jim is survived by his wife, Joye Young;

his son, Jim L. Young Jr., his daughter, Teri Young Newby; five grandchildren, Trasy Newby Barnett, Colton Newby, Cameron Newby, Matthew Paul Young, and Adam Young; and one great-granddaughter, Ashlynn Tayler Barnett.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Merritt Young, Bernice Young, and Edna Young, and one grandson, Jason Young.

Memorials may be made in memory of Jim L. Young Sr., to the SKIL Program, an extension of Youth Services for Oklahoma County Inc., 201 NE 50th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. Visitation was held at Baggerly Funeral Home in Edmond on Tuesday, September 18th and Wednesday, September 19th. The family was available to receive visitors at Baggerly Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 19th. A funeral services was held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2007 in the Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel with interment following in Resthaven Memory Gardens under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Delia Alice "Dee" Douglas



ODESSA, TEXAS - Delia Alice "Dee" Douglas, 67, of Odessa, passed away Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007, at Medical Center Hospital. Dee was born on November 8, 1939, in Hobbs, New Mexico. She attended school in Hobbs, and attended the First Baptist Church in Hobbs. Dee had been a resident of Odessa for 45 years. She was a tribal member of Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Dee loved to help with school carnivals

and parties, anything the children and grandchildren have been involved in. She retired from Texas Instruments in Odessa.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 2007, at the Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. David Weyant officiating.

Survivors include her husband, Paul R. Douglas; children, Paul David Lovelace and wife Cindy, Alton Ray Strange and wife Kolenna, Tina Yerry, Anita Denise Daniel and husband Billy, and Roy Lee Strange and wife Christine; brothers, Ashley G. Blackman Sr. and wife Kay, Thomas R. Blackman and wife Shirley, and George W. Douglas and wife Buelah; sisters, Doris F. Mitchell and husband Jerry and Jackie Hendricks; grandchildren, Kayla Woods, Kristi Woods, Michael Shepard, Margaret and Christopher Frantz, Michelle Strange, Michael Strange, Lance Woods, Anna Daniel, P.D. Lovelace, and Angela, Justin, Elizabeth, Madaline and Catherine Yerry; five great-grandchildren, Thomas Frantz, Natica Frantz and Konner, Shane, and Brandon Shepard; and many nieces and nephews. Sher was preceded in death by Ashley G. "Curley" Blackman Sr. and Mamie M. Blackman, two daughters, Devoril A. Strange and Deidra Lynn "Deedee" Woods, and a sister, Dorothy T. Guthrie.

Funeral arrangements were by Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Donald Everett Yott



Shawnee resident Donald Everett Yott died Sunday, March 23, 2008, in Shawnee at the age of 78. He was born March 25, 1929, in Earlsboro, Oklahoma, the son of JP and Bertha (Thompson) Yott.

Mr. Yott was a 1947 Shawnee High School graduate and a graduate of

Oklahoma Baptist University. He served in the U.S Marines from 1946 to 1948. He loved sports, bowling, golf, and OU football and was a Shawnee High School Coffee Friend.

Preceding him in death were his parents; first wife, Virgie Yott; brother, Harold; and sister, Linda Harris.

Survivors include his wife, Eula Mae of the home; sons, Ron Yott and Don Yott and wife Debby, all of Muskogee; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; step-daughters, Dianne Chapman and husband Greg and Connie Leber of Tacoma, Washington; and many other loving relatives and friends.

Service were held at 2 p.m. on March 26, 2008 at First Christian Church in Shawnee with Ray Belford and Janet Peery officiating.

Memorials may be made in Don's memory to American Heart Association, P.O. Box 1653, Topeka, KS 66601-1653, www.americanheart.org or First Christian Church Memorial Fund, 1625 N. Broadway, Shawnee, OK 74804.

Wilda Bell "Bub" Holloway Spurlock



Bub was born July 2, 1912, the daughter of Grover Cleveland and Sarah Ophelia Lambert Holloway in McClain County, Oklahoma. She died February 2, 2007 in Ada, Oklahoma.

She married Roy Virgil "Jack" Spurlock on December 25, 1931 in Stratford, Oklahoma. They lived in the Maxwell Community for 47 years until his death in February 1978. She was also preceded in death by daughter Edith Spurlock; brothers Carter, Carious, Leonard, Jim, and Bill Holloway; and sisters Opal Horner and Margaret Covington.

Survivors include her sons Virgil and

Don both of Ada, Oklahoma, and Ronnie and wife Alaina of Allen, Oklahoma; daughters Fran Anderson of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and Jan Rey and husband Bill of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and a brother, David Holloway of Stafford, Arizona.

Bub was blessed with 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Bub loved to quilt, pick blackberries, and pick up pecans. She never missed a fishing trip. We will miss her.

Services were held on February 6, 2007 at Oil Center Pentecostal Holiness church with burial at Maxwell Cemetery.

Margaret Elizabeth Dunkle



Margaret Elizabeth Dunkle went on her walk among the stars on September 17, 2007 in Wheatridge, Colorado. She was born on January 27, 1922 in Granola, Kansas, the daughter of Harrison McCollum and Georgeann Mae Bumbaugh. She was the granddaughter of Madeline Yott and the great-granddaughter of James B. Yott, and the great-great-granddaughter of Madeline Vieux.

She graduated from high school at Las Animas, Colorado, where she met her husband, Ralph W. Dunkle. They were married on February 22, 1941. Two children were born into this union. She was proud to be a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and had many friends from the Denver Regional Council.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and two brothers. She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Lee and Merle Gordon; a son, Sam Dunkle; four grandchildren, Virginia Schutz, Harley Gordon, Sue Seeley, and Jeff Dunkle; three great-grandsons, Justin, Jeremy, and Josh; a great-great-granddaughter, Taylor; two brothers, Sam McCollum and Hiram Hudspeth; and a sister, Patty Pyle. A graveside service was held at the Ft. Logan National Cemetery in Devner, Colorado. The Rev. Talon Windwalker officiated.

Legislators' Columns

Thom Finks District #7

It's April, Spring is here, and we now know who ALL of the CPN legislators are. What an exciting time for our nation!

For the first time in the history of the United States, an Indian tribe will be represented by an elected legislature representing districts spread across the entire breadth of our great country. While not an easy task, if a Tribe could be thought of as a candidate for such an undertaking it's a pretty good bet that it would be the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

As the new representative for District 7 in northern California, northern Nevada, and the State of Hawaii, I look forward to communicating as well as hearing from you all. I am so very excited to have the opportunity to work with my fellow legislators.

I served as your Regional Director for 10 years. I must tell you that my time as a Regional Director has been a wonderful learning tool. I'm sure my education regarding our people would not have grown as much without that experience.

The new legislative offices are in the works and the new addresses and contact information will be posted on the tribal Web site as soon as they are available. In the meantime, please contact me through the Web site for Region 03. The recent completion of the run-off elections and the swearing in of the remaining legislators mark another milestone in this landmark constitutional change for the CPN.

We have a lot of work ahead, most of it in uncharted territory. We have a wonderfully talented pool of representatives. I



believe that, with a large measure of cooperation and understanding amongst ourselves and with guidance from the Creator, we will move forward on our journey to a true three-part government that will represent all of the tribal members regardless of where they live.

My hope is that this letter finds you and your families well. I look forward to June and the family reunion. The Higbee family is one of the honored families this year and, as a member of the Higbee as well as the Bertrand family, I hope to meet as many of you as I can.

On a personal note, I have been slowed by a bad hip, and my days of dancing at Festival have been diminished. But, I will return! Dancing to the sound of the drum, though my skills are mediocre at best, is something I miss terribly and yearn to return to, with my brother Jeremy in the dance circle.

Megwetch
Thom Finks
Representative, District 7

Rossville Pow Wow May 17, 2008

Citizen Potawatomi Nation
Community Center
806 Nishnabe Trail - Rossville

Head Staff

Head Man Dancer - Neil Lawhead
Head Lady Dancer - Doni Powell
Head Singer - Alex Esau
Head Gourd Dancer - Lyman Boursaw
M.C. - Steve Kinder
Arena Director - Phil Hancock

Schedule

Gourd Dance - 2 p.m.
Pot Luck - 5 p.m.
Gourd Dance - 6:30 p.m.
Intertribal - 7 p.m.

*Dance in honor of newly elected
CPN District #4 tribal legislator
Theresa Adame*

For More Information

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816-453-6375
Vendor Fee - \$30
Contact Peggy Kinder
816-453-6375 - pkinder@kc.rr.com

CPN Clinic Notes



Nguyen is with the "Saint's" network of providers affiliated with Saint Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City. Dr. O'Brien and Mr. Jeff Frederick also left for the private sector earlier this year. Dr. O'Brien, who served with distinction as the Health Services Medical Director for over 7 years, is now in private practice in Moore, Oklahoma, while Mr. Frederick is on staff at OU's University Hospital in Oklahoma City where he will teach as well as practice medicine.

We have been extremely fortunate in recruiting two superb physicians and an exceptional young Certified Physician's Assistant to replace the great staff members that we have lost to private practice.

Kacey Wallace, D.O., came to us last August directly from her family practice residency location in Durant to replace Dr. Nguyen, and Carrie Walker, M.D. also arrived in August from her hospital-based practice in Santa Fe, NM to replace Dr. Hsieh. Dr. Wallace, a grad of OSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine and a Southeastern Oklahoma Medical Center resident, will serve as our Laboratory Director in addition to her duties as staff physician.

Greetings to each of you from the members of the Medical Staff and all the employees at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services.

Those of you who use the CPN Health Services regularly have noticed a number of changes to our medical staff over the past year. Drs. Hsieh and Nguyen left the Health Services last summer for private practice - Dr. Hsieh is now affiliated with Norman Regional Hospital and Dr.

Dr. Walker, a native of Tecumseh who is boarded in internal medicine and pediatrics, returned home to central Oklahoma to take Dr. Hsieh's practice. She graduated from South Dakota's Stanford College Medical School, performed her internship and residency at the University of Louisiana's LSU Medical Center in Shreveport, and honed her skills in "med-peds" at the Indian Health Service's Santa Fe Indian Hospital prior to coming to us last summer.

Our newest addition, Cathleen LeBeau, PA-C, a 2007 University of Oklahoma graduate and resident of Norman, Oklahoma, replaces long-time CPNHS provider Jeff Frederick as our "go-to" urgent care provider and asthma clinic co-director.

Dr. Cory Spurlock took over the CPNHS Medical Director duties in January and has already demonstrated a real flair for the management side of practice administration. Dr. Spurlock, a Citizen Potawatomi tribal member who will complete his third year with the CPN Health Services late this summer, will be instrumental in expanding the practice into its new satellite facility later this year.

There have been numerous other changes to our Health Services staff and I'll be introducing new members again in

the next edition of the *HowNiKan*.

Just a reminder, Citizen Potawatomi who are 63 years of age or older are eligible for pharmacy services thru the CPN Mail Order Pharmacy (C-MOP). If you would like more information about C-MOP, please call 1-866-900-5236 to talk with a C-MOP pharmacist.

Potawatomi Cornerstone, con't from page 5 and actions, according to federal regulations for the apprehension, detention, and transportation of criminal suspects. When Jones was placed in charge of the investigation, he was duty-bound by federal law.

More volunteers came in from Oklahoma Territory during the week to search for Mary Leard's murderer. During the week, dozens of Seminoles were arrested, released, re-arrested, tortured, and extorted for information. Federal authorities under Jones' command were present to search and monitor activity. However, testimony during the trial of lynch mob member Mont Ballard indicated that there was an apparent lack of enforcement and that federal authorities ignored the violations of treaties and statutes, allowing the vigilantes to enforce their own brand of justice.

This Potawatomi Cornerstone will continue in the HowNiKan's May edition.

Chad Higbee

For more info visit www.chadhigbee.com

Background:

Decendancy from
Principal Chiefs
Aniquiba, Topinbee and
the Higbee Family
(an original CPN Family)

Education:

Graduate
Choctaw High School
BA in Journalism
University of Oklahoma
1989

Experience:

Healthcare/Hospice
Administration
Management &
Business Development
(1995-2008)

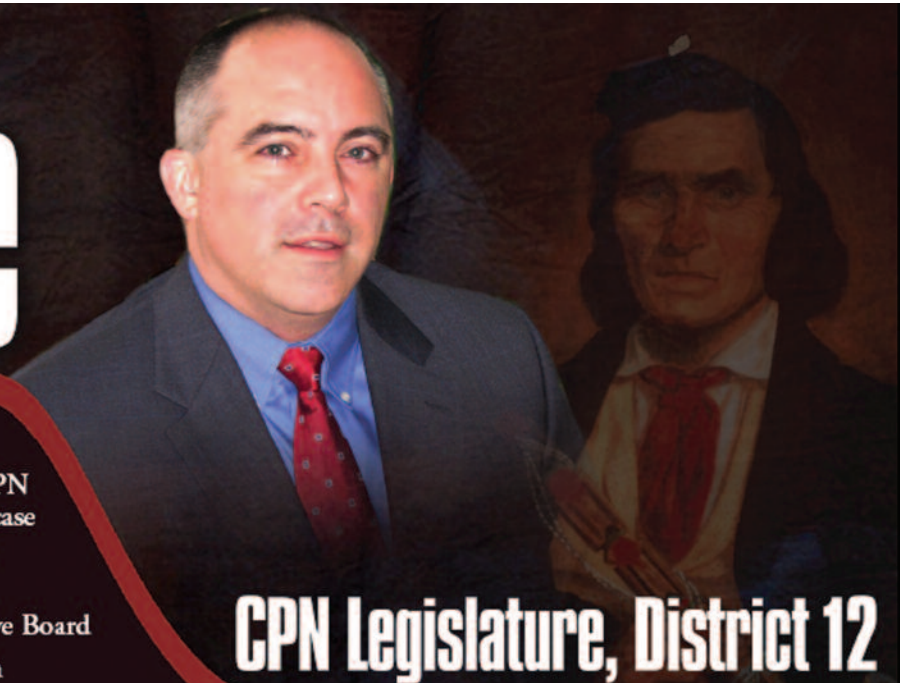
Retail/Business
Management & Sales
(1990-1995)

Technical Writing
(1989-1990)

Service:

Member of the 2007 CPN
jury for District Court case
Hospice Association of
Oklahoma President,
Vice-President, Executive Board
Member, Christ Church
Ordained Deacon

Boy Scouts of America
Assistant Scoutmaster;
Volunteer staff member for
Steve Money for US House of
Representatives
(2000)



CPN Legislature, District 12

Personal:

I have lived in no other place than Oklahoma and am proud to be part of the generations who have lived in central Oklahoma, not far from our original Higbee family allotments of 1887. I have been married to my wife Sheila for 17 years and we have five children.

Language Department News

Mnokme kedwenen- Spring words

Mnokme - Spring	Waskonedo - flower
Gmowen - Its raining.	Waseyamget - it is sunny.
Skebgeya - it is green	Mtek - tree
Zibe - river	Mnedose - bug
Skeme - mosquito	Nimediwen - Dance/ Pow wow
Zisbaktoge - He/she taps maple trees. Zisbaktoge gises - April (Maple-syruping time)	

Wi mnokme gaga she mokik waskonedok. *It will be spring soon, and the flowers will emerge.*

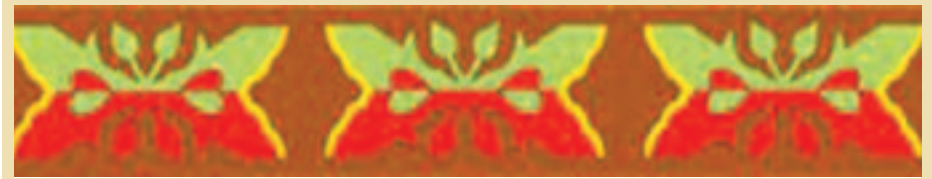
Manek mnedosek wi dbeshkawat mnokmek. *Lots of bugs will be born in the spring.*

Nimediwen nwi-zhya Odanke gishgok. *I am going to a dance on Saturday.*

Wi gmowen ngom nesh je gi waseyamget nago. *It is going to rain today, but it was sunny yesterday.*

Zibek nwi-o-gwedemojge. *I am going to go to the river to fish.*

**Visit the Language Program page on
www.Potawatomi.org for a treasure trove of
language learning tools!**



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early March we were visited by a great-granddaughter of Abram B. Burnett, who resides in Shawnee, Oklahoma. She donated three photos along with a newspaper clipping of her father Lee Burnett presenting Abram Burnett's Cane to the Kansas State Historical Society in 1952. She also donated a book of prayers in the Potawatomi language, called the 'Daily Missal'. Below is a newspaper clipping of the article she donated. We would like to thank the Burnett Family for the generous donations to the Nation.

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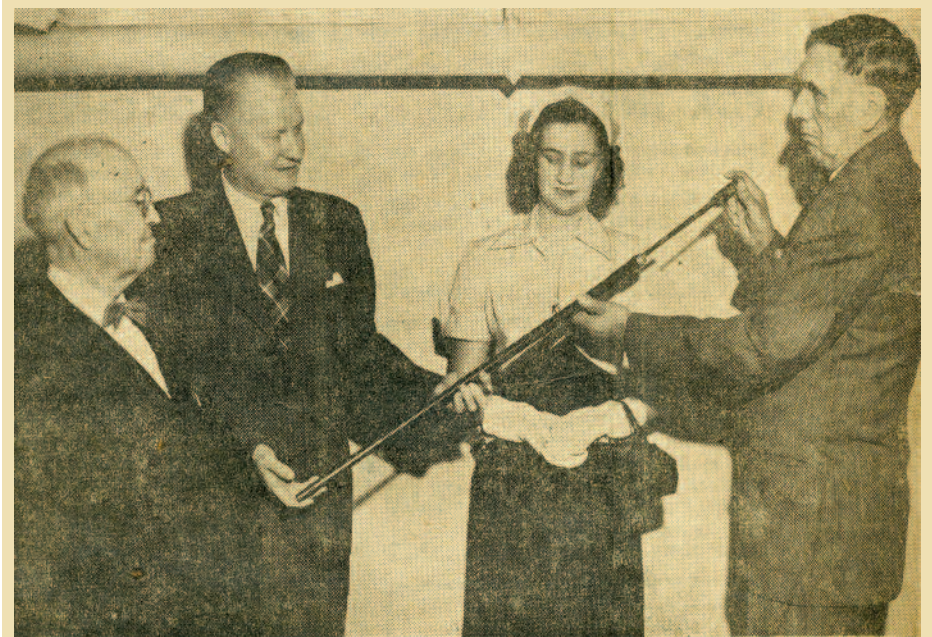
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THE CHIEF'S SECRET BLADE—Lee Burnett, grandson of Chief Abram Burnett, early day Topekan, gave his grandfather's favorite cane to the Kansas Historical Society Wednesday night. The cane holds a 15-inch blade. Left to right are Robert Stone, first president of the Shawnee County Historical Society, Nyle Miller, secretary of the State Historical Society, Mrs. Kathryn Tully, great granddaughter of Chief Abram Burnett, and Lee Burnett, grandson of the old chief.

Notice!

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CITIZEN POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Raising Financial Whiz Kids

by Jennifer Delcamp Wallis,
Vice President of Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Central Oklahoma

If you're a parent, you are probably quite familiar with the all-too-common question, "Oooh! Mommy/Daddy can I have this?" When you look over at your fresh-faced, hopeful little darling standing there with the toy/candy/movie in hand, you have a decision to make. Does he need it? Can you afford it? Will she end up as a troubled youth, confessing her entire deprived childhood on a daytime talk show one day if you don't buy her everything her heart desires? While it may be tough to look into those big, pleading eyes and tell him "No!"? The good news is this: Telling him "No" sometimes is actually good for him!

Parents often want to give their children everything. It's a natural tendency to want to give our kids things that we didn't have when we were growing up. Of course, we want them to be happy.

However, it's important to realize that your real job as a parent is to prepare your kids for the real world. In the real world, we don't get everything that we want. If we did, I'd be at my beach house in Mexico with cute guys named Rocco and Phillipe fanning me and feeding me grapes while I'm writing this article.

In the real world, we work for most things we get and no one hears a "yes" answer to every question. The best thing you can do for your kids is to teach them the value of a dollar by letting them earn their rewards.

Here are some tips to help you raise your kids to be excellent money managers:

- **Give an allowance:** If your kids ask for something every time you go to the store, start giving them an allowance instead of giving in. Many parents say they

can't afford it, but when they add up what they spend on their kids' impulse items, it is often much more than they would give for an allowance. It's amazing to see how fast kids go from spender to miser when their own money is involved. Letting them use their own money will teach them valuable lessons for the future.

- **Help them think about the alternatives:** If your little one is caught up in impulse buying, help her see what she could buy if she just saved her money instead. Say, "You could buy this piece of gum now or, if you save your money and put it with your allowance next week, you could buy a whole pack."

Teach them the value of saving. If kids learn to save for items they want, they might be much less likely to get into credit card trouble as adults.

- **Set goals:** If your kids want a higher-priced item, help them understand how long it will take to save for it. If they have a savings goal, it can be a game to work toward it. Every time they put more money in savings, praise them for saving the money and show them how much closer they are to their goal.

My four-year-old son has an electronic bank that allows him to set a saving goal, and it counts his money as he puts more in the bank. It even gives him fun facts about money as he puts it in. Around my house, if he spots a coin in the couch cushions or on the dresser, he scoops it up and runs to the bank.

- **Give them choices:** If they beg for something on every aisle of the store, give

them a choice. Make sure you are happy with either choice but let them decide. "You can have the apple juice or orange juice but not both. Which do you prefer?"

If they learn to make choices early in life, they learn that they have control over their life and they learn to deal with the consequences.

- **Don't bail them out every time:** If your little one chooses to spend his allowance as soon as he gets it, let him deal with how it feels when he wants something and doesn't have any more money to buy it. He might feel disappointed but he will get over it.

If he finds a toy he wants but has already spent his money, point out the choice he made. Say, "Remember that candy you bought last week? Well if you had saved your money, you'd have enough for this toy now. However, since you chose to spend your money, you don't have enough."

- **Spend your time, not your money:** The most important thing you can give your kids is your time. All the expensive toys in the world add up to nothing next to your spending quality time with your kids. As a single mom, I have to get creative because I just can't afford to buy my son every new toy that comes out.

We often have "PJ and Popcorn night." On this special night, we put on our PJs as soon as we get home, we eat dinner together and talk about our day, then we then snuggle up with a bowl of popcorn and watch a movie. I don't answer the phone and don't check my e-mail.

My son lives for these days. He stops

people in the store to tell them, "Mommy and I are having PJ and Popcorn night!!" The grand total cost for these nights is the price of a packet of popcorn, and I know they mean more to him than any toy he has ever received.

It might be hard to imagine but one day your kids will most likely move out and have families of their own. How they manage their money will largely depend on how they were raised and the values you taught them.

Some kids are raised with excellent money values and still have to learn the hard way. However, I have seen too many little ole women in my office who needed financial help because their kids had used their credit cards with their blessing. They just could not tell their kids, "No."

One lady was so afraid that she was going to lose her home because her adult son had charged more than \$10,000.00 on her credit card that she let him use. I have seen families on the brink of bankruptcy because the parents would not allow the teenage kids to work but they were financially supporting the children's every whim with credit cards because they could not otherwise afford it.

If you raise your kids to respect the value of a dollar, work for what they get, and learn to save, you greatly increase the chances of their being good adult money managers. Then, instead of financially supporting your kids your entire life, you can enjoy your retirement and know that your kids can take care of themselves. If you're especially lucky, your kids will be such great money managers that they'll be able to take care of you when you grow older!

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Grace Thorpe dies at age 86

The Indian world loses a worthy warrior

Indeed, one more warrior has walked on to the other side. Grace Francis Thorpe, daughter of Citizen Potawatomi/Sac and Fox athletic legend, died of heart failure early on April 1, 2008 at the U.S. Veterans Center in Claremore, Oklahoma. She was 86 years old, having been born on December 10, 1921. Her mother was Iva Margaret Miller Thorpe.

Grace Thorpe spent much of her life fighting for causes from opposing disposal of nuclear waste on Indian lands to persuading the U.S. Olympic Committee to stop the 1996 torch run at the Jim Thorpe birthplace and the Sac and Fox headquarters south of Stroud, Oklahoma. However, in an interview with *The Oklahoman* newspaper, she said none of those causes were as important to her as restoring and maintaining her father's legacy.

In 1912 at the Olympics in Sweden, Jim Thorpe won two gold medals, one for the pentathlon and one for the decathlon, a first-ever feat that never has been matched. The following year, however, the Olympic committee revoked his championship after learning Thorpe had played baseball for money.

It took the family 40 years to get the medals restored, but her father's name is now back in the record books.

In 1996 Grace Thorpe played a pivotal role in persuading the U.S. Olympic Committee to alter its torch run route.

Olympics officials had designated a torch run stop for Yale, Oklahoma – where Jim Thorpe and his family had lived for awhile during his athletic career and where Jim's now-deceased daughter Gail lived at the time. When the snub of the Sac and Fox Nation, Thorpe's birthplace at the former settlement of Keokuk Falls, and the nearby town of Prague, Oklahoma, was pointed out, those officials stubbornly clung to their original decision.

Grace and Gail Thorpe, along with Sac and Fox officials and Prague Chamber of Commerce leaders, unleashed a publicity barrage while negotiating with Olympics Committee field representatives in several meetings in Prague.

Advocates of the torch run route change knew the tide had turned in their favor when *Sports Illustrated* reported on an Olympics official's visit to Tokyo, Japan. Hoping to promote the forthcoming Atlanta Games, he was, instead, bombarded with reporters' questions about the



In a photo from the 1940s, Grace Thorpe, in her uniform, poses standing next to her legendary father and with her stepmother, Patricia Askew Thorpe (left), sister Gail, and one of her half-brothers.

Olympics' snub of the man whose prodigious performances helped save the Olympics in its infancy.

In the 1990s, Grace Thorpe battled for recognition of her father's legacy. She spearheaded an effort that saw the Associated Press place him third on their list of greatest athletes of the 20th century, behind only Babe Ruth and Michael Jordan. At the same time, ESPN ranked him seventh on its list of North American athletes of the century and, on May 27, 1999, the United States House of Representatives passed HR198 designating Thorpe as "America's Athlete of the Century".

In 1999, Grace Thorpe and Dorothy Purley shared the 1999 Nuclear-Free Future Resistance Award. The organization that bestowed the award said: "The (George) Bush people in Washington, who had targeted Native American lands as ideal sites for the storage of toxic and radioactive wastes, didn't realize they were up against the "Woman of the Power of the Wind that Blows Up Before a Storm" (*No Ten O Quah*, Grace's Sac & Fox Nation name). Enraged, Grace set out upon a trek across Turtle Island to educate the tribal governments about the fatal consequences of storing the white man's wastes on sacred tribal lands. At her urging, a good 30 tribes from over 70 reservations, ranging from the Mojave in the West to the Onondaga in the East, declared themselves as Nuclear-Free Zones."



Grace Thorpe speaks during the dedication of the Jim Thorpe museum in Prague, Oklahoma. She is holding and displaying one of the Jim Thorpe Olympics medals restored to the Thorpe family in 1982.

"We must unite as people of the world to stop the nuclear industry that is dividing and contaminating us," Grace said. "Radioactive waste is the most lethal poison known in the history of humankind."

Grace Thorpe proudly served her country in the United States Army during World War II as a WAC Corporal in New Guinea, the Philippines, and Japan.

She received a B.A. degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and a paralegal degree from the Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C., was an Urban Fellow of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and completed MBA course work at Northeastern State University at Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Grace was a legislative aide to the U.S. Senate Indian Affairs Committee in

Washington, D.C., a conference coordinator of the National Congress of American Indians in Washington, D.C., a congressional liaison to the U.S. House of Representatives American Indian Policy Review Commission in Washington, D.C., director of Return Surplus Lands to Indians project, and a personnel interviewer for General Douglas MacArthur at his headquarters in Tokyo during the occupation of Japan.

Grace was also the director for the National Environmental Coalition of Native Americans (NECONA), director of the Jim Thorpe Athlete of the Century campaign (JTAC), a past tribal district court judge and health commissioner of the Sac and Fox Nation in Stroud, Oklahoma, and a well-known lecturer on "My Father – Jim Thorpe...World's Greatest Athlete" and "Our Homes are Not Dumps – No Nuclear Waste on Indian Land."

Her published writings include *The Jim Thorpe Family History*, *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, *Oklahoma Historical Society*, spring-summer issues 1981 and *Our Homes are not Dumps: Creating Nuclear Free Zones*, fall 1996 *University of New Mexico School of Law, Natural Resources Journal* Vol. 36, No. 4.

She was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 1118 in Cushing, Oklahoma. Her parents preceded Grace in death.

Survivors include her daughter, Dagmar Thorpe Seely; granddaughter, Tena Malotte; and great-granddaughter, Aspen Rhianna Schmeusser.

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION ALL-INDIAN OPEN 2008

Dates: August 1 (Scramble), August 2 and August 3 (Individual Stroke-Handicap Play)

Where: FireLake Golf Course in Shawnee, Oklahoma

Times: August 1 - 8 a.m. Shotgun Start/August 2 and 3 - 8 a.m. Tee Times

Cost: \$25 for scramble only (CASH PRIZES!)

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Cost: \$125 for all 3 days

Format for scramble: Blind draw

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3rd	\$500	\$400
4th	\$450	\$350
5th	\$400	\$300

Sixth through tenth places also pay. Prize fund is based on 100 players.